

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicants:** Leonard C. Harrison, et al.**Examiner:****Serial No.:** Unassigned**Art Unit:****Filed:** Herewith**Docket:** 13406**For:** PANCREATIC ISLET CELL GROWTH  
FACTORS**Dated:** February 16, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert after the Title and before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION",

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/183,573, filed February 18, 2000.--

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 2, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 3, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 4, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--, and delete “or 2”;

Claim 8, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 9, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 10, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 11, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--, and delete “to 10” and  
insert therefor --to 7--;

Claim 13, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 14, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 15, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--, and delete “or 13”;

Claim 19, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 20, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 21, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 24, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 25, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--;

Claim 27, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--; and

Claim 28, line 1, delete “A” and insert therefor --The--.

**REMARKS**

The present application is claiming the benefit of the provisional application

identified hereinabove. The application has been amended to claim the benefit thereof, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(4). The claims have been amended to reflect proper dependency. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments.

Wherefore, the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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